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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-24 (Canceled).

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): A method for implanting a bulking prosthesis comprising:  
implanting a rod-like bulking prosthesis in a miniature state at the time of implantation and  
having a sharpened tip proximate to an anal sphincter, the bulking prosthesis engaged with an  
application device; and  
withdrawing the application device, wherein the bulking prosthesis assumes an enlarged  
state after implantation.

Claim 26 (Original): The method of claim 25, further comprising disengaging the bulking  
prosthesis from application device.

Claim 27 (Original): The method of claim 25, further comprising rotating the bulking prosthesis  
with the application device.

Claim 28 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 25, wherein the rod-like bulking  
prosthesis has a length of at least twenty millimeters when in the enlarged state.